

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1.-24. (Canceled).

25. (Previously Presented): A method of controlling an image capture apparatus, the control method comprising:

a reception step of receiving an image captured by the image capture apparatus;

a frame setting step of setting a shape, a position, and an area of a frame;

a first command sending step of sending a first command to the image capture apparatus in order to set the frame within the image captured by the image capture apparatus, wherein the first command indicates the shape, the position, and the area set in the frame setting step;

a function selection step of selecting a function to be set in the frame; and

a second command sending step of sending a second command to the image capture apparatus, wherein the second command indicates the function selected in the function selection step.

26. (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 25, wherein the shape of the frame to be set in the frame setting step is rectangular, circular, polygonal, or one

pixel.

27.- 28. (Canceled).

29. (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 25, wherein the function to be selected in the function selection step includes a focus, an exposure, a white balance, or a digital zoom.

30. (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 25, further comprising a display step of displaying the frame on the captured image.

31. (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 30, further comprising a color change step of changing a color of a rim of the frame according to the function selected in the function selection step.

32. (Currently Amended): A control apparatus controlling an image capture apparatus, comprising:

a communication unit adapted to receive an image captured by the image capture apparatus; and

a control unit coupled to the communication unit,

wherein the control unit is adapted to control:

a frame setting process of setting a shape, a position, and an area of a frame;

a first command sending process of sending a first command ~~including first and second data~~ to the image capture apparatus in order to set the frame within the image captured by the image capture apparatus, wherein the first command indicates the shape, the position, and the area set in the frame setting process;

a function selection process of selecting a function to be set in the frame; and

a second command sending process of sending a second command to the image capture apparatus, wherein the second command indicates the function selected in the function selection process.

33. (Previously Presented): A control apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the shape of the frame to be set in the frame setting process is rectangular, circular, polygonal, or one pixel.

34.- 35. (Canceled).

36. (Previously Presented): A control apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the function to be selected in the function selection process includes a focus, an exposure, a white balance, or a digital zoom function.

37. (Previously Presented): A control apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the control unit is adapted to control a display process of displaying the frame on the captured image.

38. (Previously Presented): A control apparatus according to claim 37, wherein the control unit is adapted to control a color change process of changing a color of a rim of the frame according to the function selected in the function selection process.

39. (Previously Presented): A storage medium which stores software for executing a method of controlling an image capture apparatus, the method comprising:

- a reception step of receiving an image captured by the image capture apparatus;

- a frame setting step of setting a shape, a position, and an area of a frame;

- a first command sending step of sending a first command to the image capture apparatus in order to set the frame within the image captured by the image capture apparatus, wherein the first command indicates the shape, the position, and the area set in the frame setting step;

- a function selection step of selecting a function to be set in the frame; and

- a second command sending step of sending a second command to the image capture apparatus, wherein the second command indicates the function selected in the function selection step.

40. (Previously Presented): A storage medium according to claim 39, wherein the shape of the frame to be set in the frame setting step is rectangular, circular, polygonal, or one pixel.

41.- 42. (Canceled).

43. (Previously Presented): A storage medium according to claim 39, wherein the function to be selected in the function selection step includes a focus, an exposure, a white balance, or a digital zoom function.

44. (Previously Presented): A storage medium according to claim 39, wherein the method further comprises a display step of displaying the frame on the captured image.

45. (Previously Presented): A storage medium according to claim 44, wherein the method further comprises a color change step of changing a color of a rim of the frame according to the function selected in the function selection step.

REMARKS

Claims 25, 26, 29-33, 36-40, and 43-45 are presented for examination. Claims 25, 32, and 39 are in independent form. Independent Claim 32 has been amended to make its recitation consistent with independent Claims 25 and 39. Claims 27, 34, and 41 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, as being duplicates of Claims 30, 37, and 44, respectively.

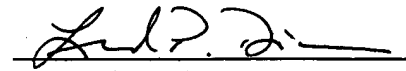
A Notice of Allowance was mailed on May 2, 2006 indicating the allowance of Claims 25-27, 29-34, 36-41, and 43-45. Claim 32 has been amended to make its recitation consistent with allowed Claims 25 and 29, that is, to remove the recitation "including first and second data." Independent Claims 25, 32, and 39 now consistently recite that a first command is sent to the image capture apparatus in order to set the frame within the image captured by the image capture apparatus. Accordingly, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

A new Abstract of the disclosure is provided and the "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION" section of the specification has been amended to better describe the claimed invention. No new matter is introduced by the present amendments.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the early issuance of a new Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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